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assisting them. Down through the years, things have gotten into the landlord-tenant law which, when I read, causes me profound disappointment and a degree of shame. Such things should never disgrace the pages of the statute books of a state which claims to be civilized. Everything you read in these provisions of the law that we're dealing with, and I'm going to start reading them, so that people are more comfortable about what I talk about, to show you the kind of things that are in this law. And some people have even come to me and asked me why am I saying certain things, because they didn't believe those provisions were in the law, such as a landlord can keep property without accounting to anybody else and it's not a set-off against what he or she claims is owed by the tenant. They didn't think that the law would read like that, but it does, and I'm going to continue to discuss it. As long as we're on this bill, I shall battle it. And, although I jestingly told some people yesterday that I'm running down and wearing out, I will not tell that fib on the floor, but if I do say it I'll make it clear that I'm merely jesting. But if I were running down, you would never know it. If I were growing weary, you would never know it. But it's going to take more...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...than what little we have been doing here to cause me to wear out. Mr. President, would I have one more chance to speak on this amendment this morning? In the spirit of collegiality, and it may appear that I'm wearing down, it may appear I'm about to throw in the towel, I want to withdraw the amendment which currently is on the desk.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Without objection, it is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next motion I have with respect to LB 175 is by Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers would move to bracket the bill until March 31, year 2000.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on your motion to bracket LB 175.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, yesterday I was pointing out one of the reasons